

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 550

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A RESOLUTION to honor Bob McKamey as he celebrates fifty years as the owner of Capital Toyota, Midtown, Chattanooga.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to honor those successful Tennessee businessmen who achieve significant milestones in their professional careers; and

WHEREAS, Bob McKamey is one such estimable individual who evinces the greatest integrity in all his endeavors; and

WHEREAS, for the past fifty years, Mr. McKamey has owned and operated Capital Toyota, Midtown, Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, as part of their dedication and commitment to the Midtown community, Mr. McKamey and Capital Toyota began renovations to the former Adcox Chevrolet building located at 5720 Lee Highway to further enhance the revitalization of the area and to expand and move their pre-owned sales center to that location; the more than \$700,000 project was completed in early 2014; and

WHEREAS, in July 2014, the McKamey family began an extensive remodel of Capital Toyota at 5808 Lee Highway with a continued commitment to Midtown; the \$3.2 million project was completed in July 2015, and the grand reopening of the new facility is scheduled for March 2016; and

WHEREAS, throughout the past fifty years, Bob McKamey has proven to be a key figure in the Toyota dealer industry; and

WHEREAS, a founding director of the Toyota Dealer Advertising Board, which he served as president for twenty-six years, Mr. McKamey was the first Toyota dealer chosen to represent

Toyota on the Board of Directors of the American International Automobile Dealers Association (AIADA); and

WHEREAS, during his lengthy tenure as a Toyota director on the AIADA, Mr. McKamey served in a number of leadership positions, including chairman in 1987 and 1988; and

WHEREAS, Bob McKamey represented Toyota and AIADA on three important trade missions to Japan, where he met with MITI and JAMA, Japan's senate and house of representatives; he served as the key spokesperson for free trade negotiations; and

WHEREAS, again in 1995, Mr. McKamey represented Toyota and AIADA in negotiating between Japan's government and President Clinton's administration; and

WHEREAS, one of the founding directors of the Americans for Free International Trade Political Action Group (FIT PAC), Mr. McKamey served as FIT PAC's chairman in 1993 and 1994; today, FIT PAC is the second largest independent PAC in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, Bob McKamey's Capital Toyota was the first Toyota dealership in the fourteen Mid-America states to sell 100 Toyota vehicles in one month, the first Toyota dealer to sell the federal government a fleet of 100 Toyota trucks, and the first Toyota dealer to represent the fourteen Mid-America states on the Toyota National Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKamey was instrumental in initiating and structuring the Cincinnati TDA, the oldest, continuous TDA in the country, and thanks to his leadership in this development, the Cincinnati TDA has been the model for all other TDAs in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Bob McKamey served on the Cincinnati Regional Dealer Advisory Board for twenty-six years, including nine two-year terms as chairman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKamey is an active member of the Toyota Dealer Council, having served in leadership roles longer than any other dealer and as the national chairman of this organization for four terms; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of both the Chattanooga Automobile Dealers Association and the Tennessee Automobile Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, most significantly, Bob McKamey was the major dealer voice in the development and implementation of the Toyota Finance Company, now known as Toyota Motor Credit Company (TMCC); and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to the Chattanooga community, the McKamey family founded the McKamey Pet and Adoption Center in 2008 as a gift to the City of Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. McKamey received the 2014 Better Business Bureau Torch Award for Business Ethics, the McKamey Animal Pet and Adoption Center 2015 Humanitarian Award, and the Honoring the Sacrifice Foundation's 2015 American Patriot Award; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career as a Toyota dealer, Bob McKamey distinguished himself as a businessman and community leader of whom we can all be proud, and it is appropriate that we honor him upon the grand reopening of his dealership; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we commend Bob McKamey as he celebrates fifty years as the owner and operator of Capital Toyota, Midtown, Chattanooga, and thank him for his dedication to the good people of Chattanooga.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.